

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In accordance with the Revised Rules under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the claims as shown below and indicated as “currently amended.” Also shown below are claims that may be original, cancelled, withdrawn, previously presented, new, and not entered.

1. (original) An apparatus for diarizing janitorial services during a cleaning patrol comprising:

an outer casing that frames a display, a plurality of keys, a docking port, a barcode reader, and computing hardware interconnecting said display, said keys, said docking port and said barcode reader; said barcode reader operable to receive a scan of a barcode representative of at least one cleaning task; said computing hardware operable to record a completion of said at least one cleaning task corresponding to said received barcode.
2. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said at least one cleaning task includes a cleaning zone in a facility and at least one task to be performed in said at least one cleaning zone.
3. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said computing hardware is operable to present at least one prescribed cleaning task on said display.
4. (original) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein said at least one prescribed cleaning task includes a plurality of cleaning tasks along a cleaning patrol route.
5. (original) A portable computer-based method of diarizing the performance of janitorial services comprising the steps of:
 - i. determining a zone of a facility for cleaning;
 - ii. presenting said determined zone to a user;

- iii. waiting for a scan of a barcode that matches with a barcode affixed to said determined zone;
- iv. determining a task to be performed;
- v. presenting said task to said user;
- vi. waiting for a scan of a barcode on a task list that matches with a barcode respective to said task;
- vii. repeating steps iv – vi until all tasks in a zone have been performed; and,
- viii. repeating steps i-vii until all zones have been cleaned.

6. (original) The method according to claim 5 further comprising the steps of:

recording times when said barcode scans occur; and

uploading said recorded times to a host computer.

7. (original) An apparatus for diarizing janitorial services during a cleaning patrol comprising:

an input device for receiving a user input representing a cleaning task;

computing hardware connected to said input device for creating a record indicating a completion of said task when said user input is received;

an output device for presenting said completion of said task.

8. (original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said input device is a barcode reader and said user input is a barcode scan corresponding to said cleaning task.

9. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said input device is selected from the group consisting of a keyboard, a touch screen, a radio frequency tag reader, a magnetic-strip card reader and a microphone.

10. (original) The apparatus of claim 7 additionally comprising a microphone and said computing hardware is further operable to record a comment associated with said completion of said task.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said output device is a wireless transmitter operable to transmit completion of said task to a wireless receiver.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said output device is a computer display operable to present said completion to a user.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said output device is a docking port for connecting said apparatus to an external computer, and wherein said external computer is operable to receive said presentation of said completion.

14. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a wireless communication system operative to connect said apparatus with a host server and upload to said host server times when said barcode scans have occurred.

15. (new) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said uploading occurs each time a barcode scan occurs.

16. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said apparatus additionally functions as a cellular phone.

17. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, further including include a voice recording system.

18. (new) The method according to claim 6, wherein said uploading step occurs in real-time each time a barcode scan according to step iii) or vi) is performed.

19. (new) An apparatus for diarizing services during a patrol, comprising:
an outer casing that frames a display and a plurality of keys;
a data transfer port;
an ID code reader, said ID code reader operative to receive ID code scans representative of at
least one zone in a facility and at least one task to be performed in said at least one zone; and
computing hardware interconnecting said display, said keys, said data transfer port and said
ID code reader.

20. (new) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said ID code is a barcode.

21. (new) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said ID code is an RF tag.

22. (new) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said services are janitorial services.

23. (new) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said data transfer port further includes a wireless
communication system operative to connect said apparatus with a host server and upload to said host
server times when said ID code scans have occurred.

24. (new) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said uploading occurs each time an ID code scan
occurs.

25. (new) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said apparatus additionally functions as a cellular
phone.

26. (new) The apparatus of claim 19, further including include a voice recording system.

27. (new) A portable device-based method of diarizing performance of services, comprising the
steps of:

- i. assigning an ID code to each zone of a facility where a service is to be performed;
- ii. determining which of said each zones is to be serviced;
- iii. waiting for a scan of an ID code that matches with said assigned ID code;
- iv. assigning a task code to each task to be performed in said determined zone;
- v. determining which of said each tasks is to be completed in said determined zone to create a task list;
- vi. waiting for a scan of a task code on said task list;
- vii. repeating steps iv – vi until all tasks on said task list for said determined zone have been performed; and,
- viii. repeating steps i – vii until all zones have been serviced.

28. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said ID codes are barcodes.

29. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said task codes are barcodes.

30. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said ID codes and said task codes are barcodes.

31. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said services are janitorial services.

32. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said tasks are cleaning tasks.

33. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said step ii) is performed by a person responsible for completing said tasks.

34. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said step ii) is performed at a central control location.

35. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said step v) is performed by a person responsible for completing said tasks.

36. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said step v) is performed at a central control location.

37. (new) The method according to claim 27, further comprising the steps of:
recording times when said task code scans occur and said ID code scans occur; and
uploading said recorded times to a host computer.

38. (new) The method according to claim 37, wherein said uploading step occurs in real-time each time a task code scan or an ID code scan is performed.